

July 2021

New Beginnings.... New Journeys

Dear...

As I write my first monthly letter to you dear Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Family, I greet you with warmth and love and thank you for the welcome and support you have extended to me generously.

God brought me to our parish as Fr. Jeff was ill and I was privileged to accompany him and each of you who cared for him dearly through his sickness and final journey to heaven. May his soul rest in peace and we thank God for the gift of his life and years of pastoral services he gave to us all.

We have been also blessed with the pastoral guidance and support of Fr. Alan Jurkus as our temporary administrator, through these transitions. He helped us through the difficult time of the loss of our beloved pastor and the complexities of the merger process to its final phase. On behalf of our parish community, I thank Fr. Alan for his generosity and fatherly care to each one of us. He will continue to journey with us as my mentor and assisting us with Masses.

I have always trusted in God's plan to lead me where He wants me. As I was discerning to accept this mission of guiding our Parish, I fully trust that the Lord who called me will lead me to be his faithful servant. The first week of my official assignment, you may recall the Sunday reading was about "led by Faith" (2 Cor 5:6). I truly believe this message is for me and our parish community. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the staircase". Through the unknowns and uncertainties, the Lord is assuring us that He will lead us, even through the storms. All we need is to remember his words, "Do not be afraid, just have faith". (Mk 5:36). I entrust our new journey together into the hands of our Lord who brought us together in faith.

We are coming closer to the final date of our closure of the 116th site with a special Mass of Transition on September 12th at 1 pm. A committee is working on this special mass, and we invite your suggestions for making it truly meaningful. If you would like to share a memory or pictures, please feel free to email to office@mphwa.org or drop in the offering basket.

We will continue to send the monthly letters by regular mail until September. As we gather and update your email addresses, we are hoping to send the monthly letter by email from October onwards.

I want to humbly request you all to come together as a family, rebuilding this FAITH community into a CARING community, WITNESSING the Christian calling to evangelize our neighborhood with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One of the ways we can do that is by renewing our ministries and joining in the various ministry opportunities in our parish.

Thanking you all and asking your blessings as we begin this new journey of Faith and entrusting our parish family to God through the intercession of our Patroness, Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help.

Yours in Christ,

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